

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
-TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE-**

**January 9, 2003**

**MINUTES**

**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES SUMMARIZE ACTIONS THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE TOOK AT THE JANUARY 9, 2003 MEETING. AUDIOCASSETTE TAPES OF THE MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG OFFICES.**

The Southern California Association of Governments Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC) met at SCAG offices in Downtown Los Angeles. There was a quorum.

**1.0     CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ron Roberts called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

**Voting Members Present**

Councilmember Ron Roberts, Chair  
Councilmember Harry Baldwin  
Councilmember George Bass  
Mayor Ron Bates  
Councilmember Hal Bernson  
Supervisor Paul Biane  
Councilmember Art Brown  
Supervisor Yvonne Burke  
Mayor Lawrence Dale  
Vice Mayor Gene Daniels  
Councilmember Judy Dunlap  
Councilmember Ruth Galanter  
Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Jacobs  
Councilmember Al Leiga  
Councilmember Lowenthal  
Mayor Mark Nuaimi  
Councilmember Pam O'Connor  
Mayor Gary Ovitt  
Mayor Pro Tem Bea Proo  
Councilmember Jeffrey Reinhardt  
Mayor Tod W. Ridgeway  
Councilmember Karen Rosenthal

**Representing**

City of Temecula  
City of San Gabriel  
City of Bell  
City of Los Alamitos  
City of Los Angeles  
County of San Bernardino  
City of Buena Park  
County of Los Angeles  
City of Barstow  
City of Paramount  
City of Inglewood  
City of Los Angeles  
City of El Segundo  
City of Claremont, San Gabriel Valley COG  
City of Long Beach  
City of Fontana, SANBAG CTC  
City of Santa Monica  
City of Ontario  
City of Pico Rivera  
Las Virgenes Malibu Subregion  
City of Newport Beach  
City of Claremont

Supervisor Charles V. Smith	County of Orange County
Councilmember Dick Stanford	City of Azusa
Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler, Jr.	City of Pasadena
Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga	City of Long Beach
Councilmember Linda Wilson	City of Manhattan Beach, South Bay Cities COG

**Voting Members Absent**

Mayor Pro Tem Lee Ann Garcia, Vice Chair  
 Mayor Bruce Barrows  
 Councilmember Lou Bone  
 Mayor George Cole  
 Mayor Bill Davis  
 Councilmember Cathryn DeYoung  
 Mayor Richard Dixon  
 Councilmember John R. Fasana  
 Councilmember Bonnie Flickinger  
 Councilmember Eric Garcetti  
 Councilmember Gary J. George  
 Mayor Larry Grogan  
 Mayor Pro Tem Peter Herzog  
 Councilmember Nate Holden  
 Councilmember Robert Hunter  
 Councilmember Tim Keenan  
 Vice Mayor Robin Lowe  
 Mayor Pro Tem Patsy Marshall  
 Councilmember Keith McCarthy  
 Supervisor Judy Mikels  
 Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Miller  
 Councilmember Nick Pacheco  
 Mayor Pro Tem Greg Pettis  
 Mayor Pro Tem Cameron Smyth  
 Mayor pro Tem David A. Spence  
  
 Mayor Pro Tem Tom Sykes  
 Councilmember Paul Talbot  
 Council Member Dennis Zine

**Representing**

City of Grand Terrace  
 City of Cerritos  
 City of Tustin  
 City of Bell, Gateway Cities COG  
 City of Simi Valley, VCTC  
 City of Laguna Niguel  
 City of Lake Forest  
 City of Duarte, SGVCOG  
 City of Moreno Valley, WRCOG  
 City of Los Angeles  
 City of Redlands, SANBAG  
 City of El Centro, IVAG  
 City of Lake Forest, Orange County COG  
 City of Los Angeles  
 City of Victorville  
 City of Cypress, Orange County COG  
 City of Hemet, RCTC  
 City of Buena Park, Orange County COG  
 City of Downey  
 County of Ventura  
 City of Corona  
 City of Los Angeles  
 City of Cathedral City, CVAG  
 City Santa Clarita, North LA County  
 City of La Canada Flintridge,  
 Arroyo Verdugo Cities  
 City of Walnut  
 City of Alhambra  
 City of Los Angeles

**Voting Members, Not Elected Officials Present**

Rose Casey

**Representing**

Caltrans, Los Angeles

**Voting Members, Not Elected Officials Absent**

**Representing**

Board Member  
Rotating Board Member

California, DOT  
Air Resources Board

**Transportation Commissions – Vacant**

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments at this time.

**3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following consent calendar items were MOVED (Bass), SECONDED (Nuaimi) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED:

**3.1 Approval Items**

3.1.1 December 5, 2002 Meeting Minutes

**3.2 Receive and File**

3.2.1 Intergovernmental Review Report

**4.0 ACTION ITEM**

**4.1 SCAG's 2003 Legislative Program**

Donald Rhodes, Managers of Gov't & Public Affairs, reported on SCAG's 2003 Legislative Program and outlined the federal and state legislative goals for 2003. Transportation issues in the 2003 Legislative Program include: TEA 3, various appropriations, Maglev, Southwest Compact, aviation, and transportation financing.

Councilmember Baldwin recommended that the letter to our congressional delegation mention the Alameda Corridor East project because of the project support of David Dryer. This project now includes Los Angeles, Orange County, San Bernardino and Riverside County.

Chair Roberts stated that the first lobbying trip to Washington D.C. will include representation of executive directors and chairs from different transportation agencies, COGs, and Metrolink, in addition to SCAG members.

This combined group shows a joint effort and the willingness to work together regionally.

It was MOVED (Brown), SECONDED (Smith) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve SCAG's 2003 Legislative Program.

## **5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **5.1 Transportation Funding Shortfall**

Annie Nam, Sr. Regional Planner, reported on the implications of the state's transportation funding shortfall. She discussed potential near term transportation funding issues and consequences for the SCAG region resulting from the Governor's mid-year spending reduction proposal. The cumulative State General Fund deficit is expected to reach \$34.8 billion according to the latest reports. To address this deficit, the Governor recently proposed a \$1.8 billion reduction to transportation. Further reductions may be proposed as the Governor releases the FY 2004 Budget Proposal tomorrow, January 10, 2003. Based upon this \$1.8 billion reduction, all General Fund supported transportation programs would be affected including Traffic Congestion Relief Program Project commitments as well as the TCRP formula allocations for local streets and roads, the STIP, and STA.

As asked by Councilmember Galanter, Rose Casey, Caltrans, gave an explanation on CTC's action to suspend funding decision on the TCRP projects and issues around the budget cut.

### **5.2 TDM Services –Rideshare/TranStar/RideStar Transition Status**

John Cox, Director of Deployment, gave a progress report on the status of the Transportation Information Services. This includes the process and status of closing down Rideshare, TranStar, and RideStar TDM Services by the end of this fiscal year, and the transition of these activities from SCAG to The Partnership and the Commissions over the next 6 months.

### **5.3 Draft California Transportation Plan**

Rose Casey, Deputy District Director, Caltrans, introduced the draft California Transportation Plan (CTP) item. Elhamin Nasr, Office Chief of Advanced Planning, Caltrans District 7, is the project manager. Rusty Thornton, CTP Coordinator, Caltrans District 7 gave an update of the draft CTP. Caltrans has released the plan for public review and comments. Workshops are being held, and the review period will end March 7, 2003. The CTP is a statewide long-range transportation plan that provides a 20-year

vision for improving transportation throughout the California. The Plan was developed in collaboration with transportation policy and decision-makers, local, regional, state, tribal and federal governments, and the traveling public. The CTP can be used by SCAG as a road map when making transportation investments.

Mayor Bates pointed out the difficulty giving input on the Plan when talking in the abstract, versus discussion of major state initiatives. Rose Casey stated that the draft CTP is not project-specific, instead the action plan effort could include initiatives or specific efforts that will be developed. Ruth Galanter asked what besides the workshops determines the action plan component of the CTP and pointed out the importance of a state perspective of planning beyond regional view.

**5.4     2001 RTP Stakeholder Outreach**

Naresh Amatya, Interim Manager of Planning and Analysis, reported on the 2001 RTP stakeholder outreach interviews conducted over the summer. SCAG staff, with consultant assistance, surveyed stakeholders from across the region and collected the findings in a Stakeholders Interview Report. The report is part of developing a 2004 RTP work plan by reviewing the process of the 2001 RTP and conducting a 'lesson learned analysis', to improve the process for the 2004 RTP update. Christine Payne, Payne Associates, presented the results of the interviews, the outreach process, and successes and challenges of the effort.

**5.5     Maglev Task Force Meeting**

Mayor Bates, Maglev Task Force Chair, reported on the Maglev Task Force meeting held November 20, 2002.

**5.6     Goods Movement Advisory Committee (GMAC)**

Councilmember Brown, GMAC Chair, reported on the GMAC meeting held November 20, 2002.

**5.7     Regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Task Force**

Councilmember Karen Rosenthal reported on the RTDM Task Force Web Conference held November 19, 2002.

**6.0     CHAIR REPORT**

Chair Roberts introduced two new TCC members, Supervisor Paul Biane and Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga.

**7.0     STAFF REPORT**

No report was given.

**8.0     COMMENT PERIOD**

No comment was given.

**9.0     ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Ron Roberts adjourned the meeting at 11:35 am. The next Transportation and Communications Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2003.

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Hasan Ikhata, Interim Director,  
Planning & Policy Department